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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Melvyn John HUNT

Box Non-fee Amendment

Serial No. (unknown)

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SPEECH PROCESSING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim ~~3~~⁴ as follows:

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~~43~~. (Amended) Apparatus according to Claim 3, which includes means operable to define, for each utterance, an utterance period comprising a first time period for measuring said acoustic noise level and a second time period during which said utterance is made.